

SBPCR Newsletter

South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The South Battery Park City Resiliency Project (SBPCR) focuses on creating an integrated coastal flood risk management system from the Museum of Jewish Heritage, across Wagner Park and Pier A Plaza, and along the northern border of the Historic Battery.

This groundbreaking resiliency initiative represents one of several projects within the overall Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency (LMCR) Master Plan. The purpose of the SBPCR Project is to:

- provide a reliable coastal flood control system that reduces risks to property, residents, and assets within the vicinity of South Battery Park City in response to the design storm event;
- protect and preserve (to the maximum extent practicable) open space resources and opportunities to view and interact with the Manhattan waterfront, particularly in Wagner Park, Pier A Plaza, and The Battery; and
- avoid or minimize disruption to existing below and above-ground infrastructure (i.e., water and sewer infrastructure, subways, tunnels, utilities, etc.) from flood events.

The SBPCR Project enhances Wagner Park's programmatic diversity and provides an opportunity for a new waterfront marine habitat educational area along the Pier A inlet. The Pier A Inlet design converts a concrete relieving platform and rip-rap edge to a terraced condition that improves habitat opportunities.

For more information about the project, please visit <https://bpca.ny.gov//sbpcrp/>.



Future Wagner Park



Future Pier A Plaza



Future Pier A Inlet



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Summer 2023

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The construction team has started work on SBPCR over the last several months. Below are several of the items we have been working on:

- In preparation for construction, the team moved the M20/Downtown Connection bus stop at Battery Place and First Place to a new location several feet north on Battery Place. (March 2023)
- Permanent construction fence was installed around the Wagner Park portion of the project site. (April 2023)
- The project team mobilized their temporary project trailers in the project site. (May 2023)
- Demolition of the project site took place to facilitate clearing the project site for future work. Wagner Park's granite is being removed and salvaged for future use. (May/June 2023)
- Removal of demolition debris will continue, with increased truck traffic south of First Place on Battery Place. Flaggers are on-site to direct trucks for public safety and traffic control. Pedestrian /vehicular access along Battery Place & surrounding streets will be maintained at all times. (July/August 2023)
- Disconnection and demolition of site utilities will take place. (July/August 2023)
- Salvaging of materials from Wagner Park will continue. This includes stone and wood to be utilized in future park features. (July/August 2023)
- Installation of piles to support the new park pavilion building will take place. (July/August 2023)
- Test pits and selective demolition will take place on First Place. (August 2023)
- Sheetpiles will be installed for the floodwall in Wagner Park. (August/September 2023)

MEET OUR COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION LIAISON: RICK FOGARTY

Rick Fogarty is the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for the project. He has worked on numerous resiliency projects in New York City, including the NYCEDC Pier 42 Upland Park project, the NYCDDC East Side Coastal Resiliency Project, and the NYCEDC Raise Shorelines Citywide project.

Rick enjoys spending time with his wife, 3 kids, and 3 dogs. He loves going to the shore and seeing live music! If you see Rick around the project site, please stop to say hello.



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Rick Fogarty is available to answer questions about the project by phone at (917) 624-5409 or via email at sbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov.